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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATSN-CBC

14 July 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Members, Military and Civilian, 58th Transportation Battalion

SUBJECT: Policy Letter # 28, Policy Statement on Motor Vehicle Safety

1. I fully support the Commander's Six-Point POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) Accident Prevention Program IAW DA Pam 385-1. POV Accidents are the most common cause of accidental death in the Army. During FY 03, 48 percent of the accidental fatalities in the Army were the result of POV accidents. The most commonly reported causes were excessive speed, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, inattentiveness, and fatigue.

2. The six-point POV program for the battalion will consist of the following elements:

a. Command emphasis: Commanders or other leaders will emphasize POV safety at weekend safety briefings. All leaders and managers will assume a proactive attitude toward POV safety.

b. Discipline: Discipline starts with leaders. I expect leaders and managers to set the example with responsible behavior. I also expect leaders and managers to identify the "at-risk" Soldier or civilian. Discipline that is encouraged and enforced on duty will carry over into off duty activities.

c. Risk management: Apply risk management to on and off-duty vehicle operations. Take measures to reduce risk such as observing posted speed limits, avoidance of alcohol while driving, and getting the proper amount of rest.

d. Standards: Leaders and managers must meet the standards and then enforce the standards. Standards for Army drivers can be found in AR 385-55, AR 600-55, and TC 21-305. Unsafe conditions will be corrected immediately

e. Alternatives: Soldiers will be encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation when appropriate. Soldiers may call the battalion Staff Duty NCO (596-0131, ext, 6-2234) for assistance to avoid driving while under the influence of alcohol.

f. Commander's assessment: If a POV accident fatality occurs within the battalion, we will conduct an investigation of the accident with the intention of finding out what happened, why it happened, and how the accident could have been prevented.

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3. This memorandum supercedes all previous memorandums from this headquarters on this subject.
4. POC this memorandum, SFC Strange at 596-6351 or strangel@wood.army.mil.
5. WE SET THE STANDARD!

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